

AFFAIRS OF THE RAILWAYS.

Mr. Ingalls Takes an Optimistic View of Southern Railway Properties.

Mr. Ingalls, president of several railway companies, was in Boston on Saturday, and in speaking of his visit to that city, the Boston Advertiser says: "President M. E. Ingalls, of the Big Four railroad system, is an old Boston boy, and he has a great many friends here who act upon his judgment in matters affecting railroad investments. Mr. Ingalls comes out now a most prominent bull, but more particularly on Southern railroad properties. He says: 'I have to look after 3,500 miles of road, and I have never seen the railroad business as good as it is now. The busiest month in the history of the Chesapeake & Ohio road was the month of November, just ended. Yes, sir, we did a large business in November, and at less expense than ever before.'"

In speaking of the success of the consolidation of the Cincinnati, Sandusky & Cleveland road into the Big Four system, Mr. Ingalls stated that over seventy thousand shares of Cincinnati, Sandusky & Cleveland have been turned in for exchange into Big Four, leaving less than ten thousand shares outstanding. One \$100,000 of the \$1,000,000 Columbus, Springfield & Cincinnati seven-per-cent. bonds have been sent in for exchange into the new four, and the greater part of the balance is practically proscribed.

Coming Changes on the Monon.

John Ewan, superintendent of the second division of the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago road, which extends from Lafayette to New Albany, with branches, has tendered his resignation, to take effect Jan. 1, 1891. J. B. Safford, superintendent of the first division, will succeed Mr. Ewan, and M. A. Zook, engineer of maintenance of way of the first division, will succeed Mr. Safford.

The Illinois Central road in November increased its gross earnings over the corresponding month of 1889 by \$85,166, while its net earnings show an increase of only \$787.

The freight earnings of the Indianapolis, Decatur & Quincy road the first fifteen days of this month were \$4,957.75 in excess of the earnings of the road the first half of December, 1889.

The executive committee of the Business Men's Association of Boston is taking steps to secure a reduction in freight rates between that city and New York, and faster service in carrying freight.

N. H. Kipp yesterday commenced his eighteenth year in the service of the Empire Fast-Freight Line. The first twelve years he was its general agent at Lafayette, the last six years its general agent at Indianapolis.

An impression prevails that the Ateson, Topeka & Santa Fe is desirous of freeing itself of the rules of the Western Passenger Association, which accounts for the position the road has taken of late toward the association.

J. F. Barnes, superintendent of motive power of the Wabash line, has, besides keeping up his repairs, constructed one first-class engine per month, and the type of engines he builds is second to none turned out at the best works in the country.

Inquirer: The new railway company of a railway company is usually gauged by the mileage of road over which he has supervision. The Missouri Pacific pays its chief engineer \$3,600 a year; the Wabash, \$2,500. The salaries of assistant engineers range all the way from \$500 to \$1,500 a year.

The trunk-line competitors of the Erie and Baltimore & Ohio claim to have secured evidence that both of these roads are paying commissions in the West and South on passenger business, and a stirring up of things over the matter is quite imminent, says a railroad official of prominence.

D. R. Patterson, of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, who has been abroad two months for the benefit of his health, is expected home this week. Unfortunately, his health has not been benefited by the health which his physicians had expected, and he will be obliged, probably, to retire altogether from active life.

A Kansas City paper says that it is definitely settled that the headquarters of S. H. Clark, first vice-president and general manager of the Missouri and Union Pacific systems, will not be either at Omaha or St. Louis, but in New York. Mr. Clark desires him to be near at hand that he may advise with him.

Work on the new station at Louisville, Ky., is being pushed on, and it is expected that the depot and train sheds will be ready for occupancy by the 1st of May next. The interior of the building is to be finished, masonry and iron work, and the Union Station at Indianapolis, and the arrangements are about the same.

D. F. Whitcomb, superintendent of the Union Railway Company, last evening received a telegram from the New York office stating that a near relative was ill beyond hope of recovery. Within the last few months Mr. Whitcomb has been called East three times to attend to the funeral of the last occasion being the burial of his mother.

For the last fifteen days the Louisville, New Albany & Chicago has been placing sixty-seven-point steel rails in its track between Monon and Hammond at the rate of a mile a day. There are thirty-eight miles of new steel on the ground, and when this is in the hands of the Union Railway Company and Hammond, sixty-six miles, will be laid with heavy rails.

The superintendents of the roads centering here will meet to-day to complete the plans of doing the work on the Erie road and Union tracks wholly with engines of the Union Railway Company. Superintendent Whitcomb, of the Union Railway Company, however, prepared to submit plans on which the Union Railway Company proposes to do this business.

The shipments of sugars and cotton eastward from New Orleans and other Southern points are said to be considerably in excess of any former year, and the business is quite equally divided between the lines south of the Ohio river and those north. One house has contracted with the Louisville & Nashville and the Pennsylvania to carry 38,000 barrels of sugar eastward.

John Riley, trainmaster of the Chicago division of the Big Four, says that not in three years has he been obliged to discharge a freight-train crew on account of lightness of business, and he doubts if any road in the country can show a more monthly earnings of train crews to exceed those of the freight-train crews which run between Indianapolis and Cincinnati.

The citizens of Toledo are selling because the Wabash is sending so large a percent of its east-bound business via Detroit, turning it over to the Canadian Pacific and Chicago & Grand Trunk roads. The reason assigned for the Wabash people doing this is that their Eastern connections at Detroit are better than those of the Toledo connections, handling their business more promptly.

N. S. McKee, general live stock agent of the Vanderbilt, at the National yards, East St. Louis, died early yesterday morning of congestion of the brain. Mr. McKee was appointed to that position in 1878, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. A special train will be run from St. Louis to Louisville, this afternoon, where the deceased is to be buried, to convey to his friends who wish to be present at the burial.

The Railway Officials' and Conductors' Association, which has its headquarters in this city, is preparing to greatly enlarge its work the coming year. Heretofore but little has been done on roads east of Ohio, the Erie, in fact, being the only line on which the employees have in any number become members of the organization. Next year it is proposed to extend the work over the trunk lines and New England roads.

There is a rumor, which could not be confirmed last evening, that President Ingalls on his return from the East, will have secured control of the Toledo, Columbus & Cincinnati road. It is well known that, in company with other Big Four officials, he recently inspected the road. Should he secure control of it this practically insures his getting control of the Kanawha Valley & Michigan road, which he once had a grasp, but which, by accident, slipped

away from him. The latter would be a northern outlet for the Chesapeake & Ohio, the Toledo, Columbus & Cincinnati, the Toledo & Ohio Central and the Kanawha Valley & Michigan roads are now all operated under one set of officers, J. M. Ferris being the general manager.

The Chicago & Rock Island has completed its arrangements for opening a new Denver route, via Omaha, Jan. 4, next, and trains are scheduled to make the run four hours quicker than competitors now do. This break in the record is thought will lead to the C. B. & Q. and other lines further shortening the time between Chicago and Denver.

John F. Hazen tells a reporter of the Cincinnati Enquirer that the reason his company, which is building the largest wire-mill in the world, goes to Anderson, Ind., is the fact that freight rates are so much more reasonable. The subject of wire, he said, cut no figure. By going to Anderson, he states, his company saves \$80 a day in switching charges and secures a decrease of 3 cents per 100 pounds on rates to all parts of the country.

D. J. Mackey, president of several railroads, says that he is cut out for a dry-goods merchant, and prefers that to any other business. He now operates the largest set of dry-goods stores in the State outside of Indianapolis, and expects to finish his days in that business. He says that he accidentally drifted into railroading, and his business has naturally increased on him, but he is anxious to retire to a more private life as soon as he can dispose of part, if not all, of his railroad holdings.

The total shipments of flour, grain and provisions from Chicago to the sea-board by the lines in the Central Traffic Association last week were 47,530 tons, against 43,635 for the preceding week, an increase of 3,895 tons, and against 76,329 for the corresponding week of 1889, a decrease of 28,799 tons. The percentage of the business carried by each line is given as follows: Chicago & Grand Trunk, 16.1; Michigan Central, 18.1; Lake Shore, 17.7; Fort Wayne, 13.1; Panhandle, 3.2; Baltimore & Ohio, 11.4; Nickel-plate, 20.3.

The Terre Haute & Indianapolis Railroad Company yesterday rejected all bids for the proposed new union depot at Terre Haute. The lowest price obtainable under the most favorable combination of bids was \$140,000, which would leave no money for train sheds, baggage-rooms, fences, lawns, etc. The architects will be called upon to make changes in the specifications, but will materially reduce the cost without detracting from the general appearance. It is expected to begin work early in the spring.

The Chicago & Rock Island has issued an emergency rate-sheet, to take effect Dec. 23, for the relief of sufferers from the corn crop failure. The rate on corn and oats, straight ear-load, from any point on their line in Illinois and Nebraska, to points in the two States will be but 10 cents per 100 pounds until March 1, 1891. The rate applies only to west-bound shipments. In case of emergency it is stated that the C. & R. I. will carry all freights for the relief of sufferers in Kansas and Nebraska free if it is shipped in the care of F. D. Henaley, at Chicago, or W. H. Smith, at Colby.

The Pennsylvania Company proposes, the coming year, to expend a large sum of money in reducing its grades on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago division and on the second track where the business of the road is usually the heaviest, so constructing the new track that it can be utilized when the road is double tracked from Pittsburg to Chicago, which, it is thought, will be done before many years. Since J. J. Turner took the superintendency of the Pittsburgh division of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago road, he has laid some sixty miles of second track and three years from now he will doubtless have a double track from Pittsburgh to Columbus, O.

ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE.

Martin O'Day, Who Killed Timothy Duffy, in the Hands of Judge Cox and a Jury.

Martin O'Day was put on trial in the Criminal Court yesterday to answer to the charge of murder. On Sunday night, Sept. 7, he became involved in a quarrel with Timothy and John Duffy in a house on West Maryland street, and struck Timothy on the head with a rock, from which injury the latter died Sept. 16. The blow which caused his death came from a fragment of a curbstone, which struck him between the eyes, cutting a gash two inches in length above the right eye across the nose. The skull was fractured and Duffy was taken to the St. Vincent's Hospital, where two pieces of bone were removed from his forehead. The injury, at first, was not thought to be fatal, and Dr. Eichenlaub, who dressed it, did not apprehend any shock to the brain. Duffy, however, grew worse, however, until death relieved him.

O'Day is regarded as a very troublesome character by the police. The jury, in whose hands his life now rests, is composed of the following citizens of Marion county: William Glenn, John Vanstam, S. H. Imelson, Joseph Kelley, John P. Mendonhall, Levi Baker, John Collins, Joel Dean, Hilary Clay.

Real-Estate Transfers.

Instruments filed for record in the recorder's office of Marion county, Indiana, for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 p. m. Dec. 22, 1890, as furnished by Elliott & Butler, abstractors of titles, Hartford Block, No. 84 East Market street:

Adelle M. Campbell to Theodore C. Wyrick, lots 14, 15, 35 and 36, in Campbell's first addition to Maywood, \$250.00.

Saunder to Martha F. Hall, part of lots 235 and 236, in Fletcher's addition, \$350.00.

William F. Steele to James Smith, lot 29, in Webb's subdivision of lot 13, etc., in Hanway's Oak Hill addition, 100.00.

Marion F. Steele to William G. Locke, wood, part of lot 7, in square 47, Lafayette Miller to Keystone Sand and Improvement Company, east half of lot 26, in Drake & Mayhew's first addition, 700.00.

Moses T. Nixson to Keystone Sand and Improvement Company, lot 143, in Hosbrook's Prospect-street addition, 1,000.00.

Horace R. Allen to Keystone Sand and Improvement Company, lots 1 to 23, in 23 to 35 to 47, 49, 53, 59, 60 and 63 to 82, in Allen's Highland Park addition, 39,040.00.

John W. Myers to Barbara Myers, part of the southeast quarter of section 21, township 14, range 3, 30 acres, 3,300.00.

Burr M. Clifford, administrator, to Levi S. Haddock, lot 25, in Greer & Webster's subdivision of section 101, 1,201.00.

Joseph H. Clark to Nancy M. Dagley, lot 19, in Clark's addition to Haughville, 300.00.

Laura Briggs to Mary L. Nelich, lot 5, in Miller's subdivision of lot 71, in Harrison's subdivision, south addition to Mount Jackson, 700.00.

Jacob C. Yunker to Central Bank, lot 2, in McGuffey's seventh West side addition, 1,000.00.

Robert Higgins to Central Bank, part of the southeast quarter of section 20, township 15, range 4, 16.63 acres, 3,000.00.

75, 76 and 77, in Clark's addition to Haughville, 1,050.00.

Nicholas McCarty to Nicholas McCarty, lot 342, in McCarty's ninth West side addition, 300.00.

Matthew Reame, trustee, part of the northeast quarter and southeast quarter of section 15, township 15, range 3, 15 acres, 70,000.00.

Major Collins, trustee, to Indiana National Bank, part of the northeast quarter and southeast quarter of section 15, township 15, range 3, 15 acres, 150,000.00.

Conveyances, 17; consideration, \$278,441.00.

Important Business Projects.

The Board of Trade committee on manufactures and real estate held a joint session yesterday afternoon, at which several communications were received from parties proposing, on certain conditions, to locate manufacturing in this city. The most important business of the meeting was the consideration of plans for a power-house which it is proposed to place in Indianapolis. The real-estate committee was authorized to advertise for a power-house for a site whereon to build a structure and power for the power-house, which is designed to induce factories to move here. A report of the efforts of the committee in this direction will be received at a meeting to be held very soon.

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CURRENT LITERATURE.

"Flower de Hundred," by Mrs. Burton Harrison, author of the "Anglomaniac," is a story of a Virginia plantation before and during the great civil war. Mrs. Harrison is a Southern woman, and it is evidently a labor of love with her to paint the old ante-war life, with its abundance of generosity, its aliphed methods, its fantastic, but chivalrous notions of honor and "good blood," its endless ramifications of relationship and pride in family, its frequent visiting and boundless welcome to guests, with all its easy, shiftless, happy ways. Her characters are simple, kindly folk of large heart and large means. With the natural bias of a Southerner she gives an idyllic picture of the relations of master and slave, but with more breadth than could be expected admits that bondage was a mistake, and that freedom will, in time, prove itself a better state. Mrs. Harrison is not a great novelist, but she has a pleasant style, and while reading her stories one feels in good, unclouded, sunny New York: Cassell Publishing Company; Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

"The Young Folks' Cyclopedia of Games and Sports" is a handsome volume of more than eight hundred pages, devoted exclusively to cataloging and explaining games and sports for young people of both sexes. The list is almost endless, and embraces a great number of rare, curious and entertaining games. No company of young people could get together who would not find much in the volume that would add to the entertainment and amusement. It covers the whole of the broad field, and covers all well, and the instructions are so clear and concise as to be easily understood. It is both for indoor and outdoor amusements, with many practical experiments in time, chance and chemistry. It covers the games and pastime for all ages, from the wee ones to mature age. Even mothers find it a useful and interesting volume. Boston: Henry Holt & Co.; Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

"Under Orders" is what might be called "a rattling good story" of a rather melodramatic order. The author is Kirk Munroe, author of "The Flamingo Feather," etc. This story is designated as "the story of a young reporter," and that indicates its character. It relates the adventures of an ambitious young man, who, beginning as a newspaper reporter under bright auspices, did some good work, committed a grievous error, and then emerged and came out all right. The author is evidently a newspaper man, and his story is dedicated to John Bogart, for many years the editor of the New York Sun. He helped me to obtain a literary foothold; whose honesty of purpose, strict sense of justice, and unflinching courage, and who lifted him as an example of the ideal city editor." New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons; Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

"Curiosities of the American Stage," by Laurence Hutton, contains a series of sketches of the development of different branches of the drama in this country. It treats of "The Native American Drama," "The Indian Drama," "The Revolutionary and War Drama," "The Frontier Drama," the stage negro, the American burlesque, etc., with sketches of many more or less celebrated people and actors, their relative merits, etc., may challenge criticism, but his views are clear and well expressed. The book contains numerous portraits of stage people, and is one of the most interesting and any way interested in the modern drama. It is printed and bound in beautiful style by the Harpers, of New York. Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

"Strolls by Starlight and Sunshine," by W. Hamilton Gibson, is a handsome volume of some two hundred pages of delightful reading on out-door topics and different phases of nature. The subject texts are: "A Midnight Ramble," "Night Witchery," "Bird Notes," "Bird Cradles," "Prophetic Botany," "The Wild Bird," "The Garden," etc. The illustrations are excellent. Although some of the illustrations have done service in Harper's Monthly, they fully deserve their place in the hands of the reader. The study of flowers and plant life during the night and the curious facts made are not only interesting, but instructive. The book is beautifully illustrated, and is a very pretty gift book. New York: Harper & Bros.; Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

Messrs. D. Appleton & Co., New York, publish by special arrangement with the author "The Life of an Artist," by Jules Breton. The author is one of the most celebrated of modern French artists and this is his autobiography. With charming frankness and simplicity he relates his memories of boyhood, the aspirations and struggles of youth and the associations of later years when he achieved a celebrated name. The artists who made French art famous. Of his own great successes the author speaks modestly, but his fame is established in art circles, and he is one of the most popular poets are popular in France, and this work has added to his fame as an author. It is translated by Mary J. Serrano. Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

A very interesting and instructive book is a work entitled "Through Magic Glasses," by Arabella B. Buckley, author of "A Short History of Natural Science," etc. This work is not intended to be strictly scientific, but it makes interesting incursions into the field of science and points out some of the marvelous facts, which can be studied and enjoyed by the help of optical instruments. The chapters are in the form of lectures for young people, and they treat of the wonderful properties of light, the microscope, the telescope, the structure and use of the eye, the hidden beauties of the natural world, etc. It is an excellent book for young people, and is a very pretty gift book. New York: D. Appleton & Co.; Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

"A Woman's Trip to Alaska," by Mrs. Septima M. Collie, wife of Gen. C. H. T. Collie, is an account of a voyage through the inland seas of the Sitkan archipelago. The trip was made during the present year, and the book is a graphic, clear description of the rare scenery of the route, in which is pleasantly interwoven interesting personal and incidents, legends and facts of history. The book is beautifully illustrated by the American Bank-note Company with delicately-tinted vignettes and full-page pictures reproduced from the plates of a Kodak. Without making any pretensions to being a first writer, the author has produced a very bright and readable book. New York: Cassell Publishing Company; Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

"Higher Education of Women in Europe," by Miss Helene Lange, is an able discussion of that interesting subject by one who has made a thorough study of it. The author, herself a woman of liberal education, presents in this volume the most comprehensive statement of the progress made in the cause of higher female education that has been published. It is translated from the German by Dr. Klemen, and has an interesting preface by Dr. W. T. Harris, who edits the "International Education" series in which it is issued. New York: D. Appleton & Co.; Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

D. Appleton & Co. issue, in handsome book form, two good stories for boys, viz.: "Crowded Out of Crowfield," by W. O. Stoddard, and "King Tom and the Runaways," by Louis Pendleton. The first relates the adventures and final success of a village lad who went to New York to make his way, and the second is a story of what betel two boys in a George Washington, but all are good. Paper, 50 cents. New York: Harper & Brothers; Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

"The Story of My House," by George H. Ellinger, author of "The Garden of Eden," is one of those books which appreciative readers enjoy perusing on a cold winter day or night, surrounded by the comforts of home. It seems to have been written in a well-furnished library, and to reflect the

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"Evelyn Gray, or the Victims of Our Western Turke," a tragedy in five acts, by Rev. H. I. Stern, is a work of more than ordinary literary merit and of absorbing interest, the purpose of the writer being to depict the wickedness of Mormonism, and the degradation of the victims which their emissaries collect in Europe and in other parts of our own country. The work shows that the author is familiar with the people of whom he has written, and that he has the dramatic power to set forth the intricate and complex phases of the barbarism with rare vividness. The author is a man of culture, well versed in the classics, as his work shows, and familiar with the history of the world, and a tragedy. All of the notorious men who have figured in the Mormon Church and in Utah affairs appear in the work, which gives it historical value as well as deep interest. The author is known in Indianapolis, and is now a pastor in Corydon, in this State. The volume is dedicated to General Murray, the chief charm of the story, which is interesting without being too sensational.

"My Note-book," by Rev. Dr. Austin Phelps, of Bar Harbor, Me., is a collection of papers which are termed "fragmentary studies in theology." There are twelve of the papers, and they embrace such topics as would naturally engage the thoughts of a preacher. The topics are not all theological, but embrace phases of every-day life and thought, and they are handled in a very interesting way. The book is full of good thoughts clearly and strongly expressed. The author was father of Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, who edits the work and furnishes a preface. Cloth, \$1.50. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons; Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

"Ten Tales," translated from the French of Francois Coppee, by Walter Learned, contains ten short stories by one of the most delightful of modern French writers. These stories are all clean, and their sentiment is pure. Coppee does not affect the purrulent style. They are all rather quiet in tone, the characters being ordinary human beings, yet the stories are so told as to rouse the better feelings and make poor humanity seem more estimable. The illustrations, by George Frank, are about thirty in number. New York: Harper & Brothers; Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

Richard Malcolm Johnston is one of the best of the new school of writers who depict Southern life. His knowledge of Southern life and customs in the old days seems very accurate, and he knows how to convey it in very pleasing fashion. A novel by him, entitled "Widow Guthrie," shows these qualities quite conspicuously. It is an excellent story, and admirably well told. The illustrations, by E. W. Kimble, are an interesting aid to the text. New York: D. Appleton & Co.; Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

"The Story of the Iliad, or the Siege of Troy," by Dr. Edward Brooks, is Homer's immortal epic done into prose for young readers. The story of the poem is one of great interest, and the author of this work has succeeded admirably in preserving its life and action in the prose dress he has given it. It is an excellent book for the young, and conveys a good knowledge of one of the most celebrated works of ancient classic literature. Illustrated. Philadelphia: The Penn Publishing Company; Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company, Cloth, \$1.25.

"The Franklin Square Song Collection, No. 7," contains two hundred favorite songs and hymns for schools and homes, the nursery and fireside. Some of the songs are quite old and others comparatively new, but all are good. Paper, 50 cents. New York: Harper & Brothers; Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

"A Dream of a Modest Prophet," by M. D. Leggett, relates the imaginary experience of the author on the planet Mars, where he is supposed to have found a civilization so sympathetic with outdoor life and with indoor scenes. Every page seems imbued with the spirit of an ideal home. New York: D. Appleton & Co.; Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

An attractive volume, entitled "Seven Dreamers," contains seven short stories by Annie Trumbull Slosson. Barring rather too strong a tendency to dialect, which becomes tiresome in large doses, they are good stories. She paints very skillfully the peculiar and picturesque phases of village life in New England. "Fishin' Jimmy" and "Butterneggs" are particularly good. The book is issued in attractive style by Harper & Brothers, of New York. Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

"Harry Ambler, or the Stolen Deed," by Sidney Marlow, is a narrative of a bright, active, and courageous boy, suddenly thrown upon his own resources and subjected to the malicious plots of a powerful enemy. The successful and yet not unnatural manner in which the hero turns his enemy's weapons to his own defense, constitutes, perhaps, the chief charm of the story, which is interesting without being too sensational.

Charles Scribner's Sons publish a volume of poems by Robert Louis Stevenson, entitled simply "Ballads." There are five poems, viz.: "The Song of Rahero," "The Feast of Famine," "The Lullaby," "Heather and the Wind," and "Christmas at Sea." Stevenson possesses a fertile imagination, a rare gift of story-telling, and is master of the art of musical versification. Ornamental cloth, \$1. Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

"Best Selections for Readings and Recitations" is issued in the series formerly called "The Elocutionist's Annual," this volume being No. 18 of the series. It is compiled by Silas O. Neff, principal of the National School of Elocution and Oratory, and is a good selection for readers and elocutionists. Paper, 30 cents. Philadelphia: The Penn Publishing Company; Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

"Indications of the Book of Genesis," by Edward B. Latch, author of "A Review of the Holy Bible," etc., is an explanatory commentary on the Book of Genesis, accompanied by diagrams and chronological tables intended to explain the text. Cloth, \$1.50. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company; Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company.

"Ant Dorothy," by Margaret J. Preston, is a very pretty story of old Virginia plantation life, and is issued in very pretty style by Anson D. F. Randolph, 38 West Twenty-third street, New York. Illustrated. Cloth, 60 cents. Sent by mail on receipt of price.

"The Odds Against Him, or Carl Crawford's Experience," is a story for boys by Horatio Alger, jr. Alger's stories are all good and deservedly popular with young readers. Illustrated. Philadelphia: The Penn Publishing Company; Indianapolis: Bowen-Merrill Company. Cloth, \$1.25.

Books Received.

"Her Brother Donard," a novel by Emily E. Veeder, Cloth, \$1.25. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company.

"The Elxir and Other Tales," by George Elmer, translated from the German by Mrs. Edward Hamilton Bell. Paper covers, 50 cents. New York: W. S. Gottsberger & Co.

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